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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PUBLIC REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR
STATEMENT

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1. AS REPORTED IN JAPANESE PRESS, GOJ PUBLIC STATEMENTS
ON PRESIDENT'S APRIL 8 NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT HAVE
BEEN MIXED. ACTING CABINET SECRETARY FUJITA INITIALLY
DESCRIBED US ATTITUDE AS "STILL SEVERE." FONOFF PRESS
BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, TOOK MORE POSITIVE LINE,
CHARACTERIZING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AS "NOT AS SEVERE
AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED" AND DEMONSTRATING "GREATER US
UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S SITUATION." FONOFF WENT ON TO
NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT USG HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION ON
FUTURE OF TOKAI-MURA REPROCESSING PLANT AND UNDERScored
IMPORTANCE GOJ ATTACHES TO CURRENT CONSULTATIONS IN
WASHINGTON ON THIS ISSUE.

2. JAPANESE EDITORIAL REACTION WAS SIMILARLY VARIED.
MAINICHI COMMENTARY DETECTED SOME "FLEXIBILITY" IN NEW
US POLICY WHILE MOST OTHER PAPERS - YOMIURI, SANKEI,
TOKYO SHIMBUN - WERE SHARPER IN TONE, CRITICIZING
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EITHER "SUDDEN" OR "SELF-CENTERED" NATURE OF US
DECISION. ALL PAPERS, HOWEVER, URGED JAPAN TO MAKE MORE
POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
CURBING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

3. IN GENERAL VOLUME OF NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF NUCLEAR
ISSUE HAS DIMINISHED AND TONE IS LESS SHRILL. MEDIA

IS APPARENTLY AWAITING RESULTS OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS
IN WASHINGTON.
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